



Sh'mini

(eighth)

Vayyiqra [Leviticus] 9:1-11:47

Commanded Offerings

Vayyiqra [Leviticus] 9:1-7

1 And it came to pass on the eighth day, that Moshe called Aharon and his sons, and the elders of Yisrael;

2 and he said to Aharon, “Take you a calf of the herd for a sin-offering, and a ram for a burnt-offering, without blemish, and offer them before YHWH.”

3 “And to the children of Yisrael you shall speak, saying, ‘You take a he-goat for a sin-offering; and a calf and a lamb, both a year old, without blemish, for a burnt-offering;

4 and an ox and a ram for peace-offerings, to sacrifice before YHWH; and a meal-offering mingled with oil: for today YHWH appeared to you.’”

5 And they brought that which Moshe commanded before the tent of meeting; and all the congregation drew near and stood before YHWH.

6 And Moshe said, “This is the thing which YHWH commanded that you should do: and the glory of YHWH shall appear to you.”

7 And Moshe said to Aharon, “Draw near to the altar, and offer your sin-offering, and your burnt-offering, and make atonement for yourself, and for the people; and offer the oblation of the people, and make atonement for them; as YHWH commanded.”

Please note, that the Scripture text states, that this event occurred on the eighth day. This seems to be pointing at, and alluding to, the great High Day of the Feast of Sukkot, the eighth day known as “Shemini Atzaret” (we are not saying that this was, in fact, that day [although it could have been], but rather a type of that day). This day is generally understood to be pointing at the *Olam Haba* or the *World to Come*, also known as the new heavens and the new earth.

If this is, in fact, a foreshadowing of the new heavens and the new earth, then this chapter would seem to indicate that, not only will there be sacrifices done during the Millennial Kingdom, but also after Yeshua returns and enters the new earth with His bride. But this should not surprise us, because Scripture clearly indicates to us that His Torah is eternal; and since the sacrificial system is a large part of the Torah, then it follows that this is also eternal as well. Therefore, it should not surprise us to find indications like this passage pointing to that reality.

Basically, the number eight in Scripture is a number that signifies new beginnings.

Not All Parts Are Equal

Vayyiqra [Leviticus] 9:8-14

8 So Aharon drew near to the altar, and slew the calf of the sin-offering, which was for himself.

9 And the sons of Aharon presented the blood to him; and he dipped his finger in the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar, and poured out the blood at the base of the altar;

10 but the fat, and the kidneys, and the lobe from the liver of the sin-offering, he burnt upon the altar; as YHWH commanded Moshe.

11 And the flesh and the skin he burnt with fire without the camp.

12 And he slew the burnt-offering; and Aharon's sons delivered to him the blood, and he sprinkled it upon the altar round about.

13 And they delivered the burnt-offering to him, piece by piece, and the head; and he burnt them upon the altar.

14 And he washed the inwards and the legs, and burnt them upon the burnt-offering on the altar.

Please note the specificity with which YHWH has commanded us to deal with the different parts of the animal being sacrificed. Let us look specifically at the blood.

The blood is caught by his sons; and then at the appropriate time, it is given to Aharon (or whichever of his sons is standing in the office of the kohen gadol). He then dips his finger in the blood and applies it to the horns of the altar. Then the remainder of the blood is poured out at the base of the altar by the kohen gadol.

This brings us to some very interesting verses in the Brit Chadasha.

Matithyah [Matthew] 26:28

28 “for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many to remission of sins.”

Please note, that the earthly kohen gadol would pour out the blood after having applied a portion to the horns of the altar. Likewise, Yeshua's Blood was poured out for us. This passage, and others, seems to indicate that Yeshua entered into the heavenly Sanctuary and applied His Blood to the horns of the heavenly altar.

Ivrim [Hebrews] 9:11-12

11 But Mashiach having come a high priest of the good things to come, through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation,

12 nor yet through the blood of goats and calves, but through his own blood, entered in once for all into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption.

Since Yeshua has done this, He has obtained for us a salvation that is eternal. However, when we place this in its proper context, this should not only bring rejoicing to us, but also teach us to live in obedience to His Voice.

Ivrim [Hebrews] 10:19-24

19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holy place by the blood of Yeshua,

20 by the way which he dedicated for us, a new and living way, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

21 and (having) a great priest over the house of Elohim;

22 let us draw near with a true heart in fullness of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience; and having our body washed with pure water,

23 let us hold fast the confession of our hope that it waver not; for he is faithful that promised;

24 and let us consider one another to provoke to love and good works;

We are not only to live a set-apart life ourselves, but we are also to help others do this very same thing as well.

Ivrim [Hebrews] 10:26-32

26 For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more a sacrifice for sins,

27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and a fierceness of fire which shall devour the adversaries.

28 A man that has set aside Moshe's law dies without compassion by two or three witnesses;

29 of how much severer punishment, do you think shall he be judged worthy, who has trodden underfoot the Son of Elohim, and has counted the Blood of the covenant wherewith he was sanctified an unholy thing, and has done despite to the Spirit of grace?

30 For we know Him that said, "Vengeance belongs to me, I will recompense." And again, "YHWH shall judge his people."

31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living Elohim.

32 But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after you were enlightened, you endured a great conflict of sufferings;

Having His Blood applied to us, thereby having redemption, and then deliberately and purposefully moving away from that redemption, is a dangerous and deadly game to play.

Rather, we all should constantly be watching and praying not only for ourselves, but also for all the brethren, in order that we do not fall by the way and be eternally lost.

According to the Ordinance

Vayyiqra [Leviticus] 9:15-17

15 And he presented the people's oblation, and took the goat of the sin-offering which was for the people, and slew it, and offered it for sin, as the first.

16 And he presented the burnt-offering, and offered it according to the ordinance.

17 And he presented the meal-offering, and filled his hand from, and burnt it upon the altar, besides the burnt-offering of the morning.

YHWH expects us to obey His commandments!

YHWH expects us to obey His commandments according to *His* ways, not our own!

If we presume to know better than YHWH, and attempt to keep His commandments, ordinances, and statutes in whatever way looks right in our own eyes, we are only deceiving ourselves; and that path ends in death.

Mishle [Proverbs] 14:12

12 There is a way which seems right to a man; but the end thereof are the ways of death.

May YHWH open each of our eyes so that we will walk on His path that leads to life, and that, everlasting! Amein and amein.

From the Right Side

Vayyiqra [Leviticus] 9:18-21

18 He slew also the ox and the ram, the sacrifice of peace-offerings, which was for the people; and Aharon's sons delivered to him the blood, which he sprinkled upon the altar round about,

19 and the fat of the ox and of the ram, the fat tail, and that which covers, and the kidneys, and the lobe of the liver;

20 and they put the fat upon the breasts, and he burnt the fat upon the altar;

21 and the breasts and the right thigh Aharon waved for a wave-offering before YHWH; as Moshe commanded.

It is interesting to note, that it was the right thigh that was selected as a wave offering before YHWH.

The right side signifies the side of favor and blessing.

Luqa [Luke] 22:68-69

69 "But from henceforth shall the Son of man be seated at the right hand of the power of Elohim."

The Blessing

Vayyiqra [Leviticus] 9:22-24

22 And Aharon lifted up his hands toward the people, and blessed them; and he came down from offering the sin-offering, and the burnt-offering, and the peace-offerings.

23 And Moshe and Aharon went into the tent of meeting, and came out, and blessed the people; and the glory of YHWH appeared to all the people.

24 And there came forth fire from before YHWH, and consumed upon the altar the burnt-offering and the fat; and when all the people saw it, they shouted, and fell on their faces.

Please note, that in verse 22, it states that Aharon lifted his hands and blessed the people. It seems very possible that this was the blessing now known as the Aharonic blessing recorded in Bemidbar.

Bemidbar [Numbers] 6:24-26

24 YHWH bless you, and keep you;

25 YHWH make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

26 YHWH lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Please notice, that when the people did all according to His commandments, then the fire of YHWH fell and consumed the offerings. Then the people fell on their faces and worshipped YHWH.

For Your Consideration

YHWH has given us His commandments. He expects us to obey them. The honest truth is, we do not do a very good job of obeying His commandments sometimes. Nor do we do a very good job of obeying His Voice as we should.

Scripture teaches us, that if we break even the smallest of the commandments of YHWH, it is equivalent to breaking them all.

Ya'aqov [James] 2:10

10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is become guilty of all.

Surely we are all guilty of this!

YHWH expects us to keep His Torah commandments to the fullest.

“But we do not have a Temple,” you may say. This is true, but does the absence of a Temple remove the commandment? NO! What then? Only that this should point out the very pressing need to come together as a people (Ephrayim) so that we can go home and be reunited with our brother Judah, so that we can rebuild the Temple, and keep and obey all of His commandments.

Why would we not want to keep all of His commandments?

Would not an attitude that would put away any of His commandments be against Scripture? Please note the following which we quoted above.

Ivrim [Hebrews] 10:28

28 A man that has set aside Moshe's law dies without compassion by two or three witnesses;

Are you guilty of setting aside any of His commandments?

ABBA YHWH, please bring us, Your people, together, to fulfill Your prophetic word, so that we may go home and be the people that You are calling us to be; and may we never set any of your commandments aside; in the name of Yeshua our Mashiach. Amein.

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